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Office Action Summary

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REIDT ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 81-99 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 91, 94, 95 and 98 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 81-90, 92, 93, 96, 97 and 99 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/22/08, 10/16/07, 3/29/07
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 91, 94, 95 and 98 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternatively only. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 91, 94, 95 and 97 not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 81 -83, 87, 88, 89, 92, 93, 96, and 97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Colin et al. (5,033,650). Colin et al. disclose, in figs. 1 and 6, a capsule for two components of material comprising a cartridge for containing two component chambers 15, 16, a first and second pistons 19, 29 connected to one another, a rigid partition wall 23; a cannula with a mixer 14; a flexible wall or a sealing foil 24, 25.

4. Claims 81-89, 92, 93, 96 and 97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sogaro (6,547,101). Sogaro discloses, in figs. 1 and 9, a capsule for two components of material comprising a cartridge for containing two component chambers 12, 14, a housing 36, a first and second pistons 20, 22 connected to one another, a rigid partition wall; a cannula with a mixer (see col. 5, lines 40-43); a flexible wall or a sealing foil 40.

5. Claims 81-83, 87, 88 and 90-93 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being Chan by (6,409,972). Chan discloses, in figs. 1 and 4, a capsule for two components of material comprising a cartridge for containing two component chambers 46, 50 a first and second pistons 51, 52 connected to one another, a flexible wall and sealing foil 23, 51, 52, a rigid partition wall 17; and a cannula 61 with a mixer.

6. Claims 81, 87 and 97 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Creighton, Jr. et al. (3,323,682). Creighton, Jr. discloses, in figs. 1 and 2, a capsule for two components of material comprising a cartridge for containing two component chambers 44 separated by a flexible partition wall, a piston 28 using with a single plunger.

7. Claims 81-83, 88, 89, 93, 96 and 99 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Xie et al. (6,843,653) Xie et al. disclose, in figs. 1, 3 and 4, a capsule for two components of material comprising a cartridge for containing two component chambers 20, 22, a first and second pistons 54 connected to one another, a rigid partition wall; a cannula10 with a mixer; and the components made a dental material.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LIEN TM NGO whose telephone number is 571-272-4545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM -6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KEVIN SHAVER can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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